

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Following the president’s announcement yesterday on his new immigration policy that would allow some employed undocumented immigrants to receive work visas, Representative Xavier Becerra issued the following statement:

“The good news: after three years in office, coupled with early romancing rhetoric while campaigning in 2000 for the Latino vote, the president has finally come forward with his proposal.

“The bad news: the president has come forward with his proposal. This plan falls far short of what immigrant workers, their families, and Democrats have been advocating for, as it places enrolling immigrants in limbo due to the fact that there is no guarantee against future deportation. This is principally an expanded temporary guest worker program, not much different than the Bracero program of old, which history has condemned as exploitative and unworkable.

“Much work will need to be done before this plan can become policy. This is a start, but this cannot be an end.”

For anyone who is interested in interviewing Rep. Becerra on this subject, please call Steve Haro at 213.819.0004.